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BY CUBANS AS PROOF OF US INTERFERENCE IN NON-ALIGNED
AFFAIRS

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1. FOLLOWING IS N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL:
UNITY OF NONALIGNED UNDERGOING STRAINS

PRO-SOVIET STANDS TAKEN BY CUBA AND OTHERS LEAD TO
DISPUTES IN 80-MEMBER MOVEMENT (ED. NOTE: 86 MEMBERS)

WASHINGTON, JUNE 10-THE 83-MEMBER MOVEMENT OF NONALIGNED
NATIONS IS UNDERGOING SERIOUS STRAINS-SOME MEMBERS
EVEN SPEAK OF AN OPEN SPLIT-AS A RESULT OF EFFORTS BY
CUBA AND OTHERS TO PRESS FOR ADOPTION OF PRO-SOVIET
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POSITIONS, ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOVEMENT.

DISPUTES CAME INTO THE OPEN THREE WEEKS AGO AT A MEETING
OF THE MOVEMENT'S 25-MEMBER COORDINATING BUREAU IN
HAVANA. THE DISAGREEMENT AROSE IN PART BECAUSE OF AN
EFFORT TO REVISE GOALS OF THE GROUP, WHICH OFTEN
FUNCTIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS AS A MONOLITHIC VOTING
BLOC.

REPRESENTATIVES OF YUGOSLAVIA, INDONESIA AND OTHER
MODERATE COUNTRIES THAT ATTENDED THE HAVANA MEETINGS,
WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM MAY 18 TO 21, CONTENDED IN
INTERVIEWS THAT CUBA, WITH THE SUPPORT OF VIETNAM
AND ANGOLA, WAS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THE MOVEMENT INTO
WHAT ONE CALLED "AN ADJUNCT OF SOVIET POLICY." HAVANA,
HANOI AND LUANDA ALL MAINTAIN PACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

'A PROBLEM OF RADICALISM'

"IT IS A PROBLEM OF RADICALISM" SAID A REPRESENTATIVE OF
ONE OF THE OLDER NONALIGNED COUNTRIES THAT OPPOSES THE
CUBAN VIEWS, ADDING: "NONALIGNMENT, TO SURVIVE,

CANNOT SERVE AS THE RESERVE FORCE FOR ANY SUPERPOWER OR BLOC." HE ADDED THAT INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA, INDONESIA AND SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAD ALL OPPOSED THE RADICALS STRONGLY AT THE HAVANA CONFERENCE.

SOMALIA, IN A RECENT MEMORANDUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ASKED THAT CUBA, WHICH BECAME A MEMBER OF THE MOVEMENT IN 1961, BE EXPELLED FROM THE WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR ITS INTERVENTION IN ETHIOPIA, ALONG WITH THE SOVIET UNION, IN THAT COUNTRY'S WAR AGAINST SOMALI INSURGENTS.

YUGOSLAVS AND OTHERS, HOWEVER, SAID IN INTERVIEWS THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO CONSIDER OUSTING CUBA. HOWEVER, YUGOSLAVS AND INDONESIANS ASSERTED THAT IF CUBA
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CONTINUED TO BEHAVE "INTOLERABLY"-THAT IS, IN AN ALIGNED OR INTERVENTIONIST MANNER-THEN A MOVE TO EXPEL IT MIGHT DEVELOP.

INVOLVEMENT IN ERITREA CRITICIZED

RECENTLY, MILJAN KOMATINA, ASSISTANT FOREIGN SECRETARY OF YUGOSLAVIA, SAID IN BELGRADE THAT ANY ENGAGEMENT OF CUBAN FORCES IN ETHIOPIA'S STRUGGLE TO SUPPRESS THE ERITREAN SUCCESSIONIST MOVEMENT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE NONALIGNED NATIONS. MR. KOMATINA ADDED THAT THE NONALIGNED NATIONS DEMANDED TO KNOW WHEN CUBA WOULD WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM AFRICA.

MODERATES AMONG THE MEMBERS SAID THEY WERE DISTURBED NOT ONLY BY CUBA'S "RADICALIZING" COURSE, BUT BY THE FACT THAT THAT COUNTRY WAS SCHEDULED TO BE THE HOST OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF NONALIGNED LEADERS IN THE SUMMER OF 1979.

THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT WAS BEGUN BY PRESIDENTS TITO OF YUGOSLAVIA, SUKARNO OF INDONESIA AND GAMAL ABDEL NASSER OF EGYPT, AND PRIME MINISTER JAWAHARLAL NEHRU OF INDIA, AS AN EFFORT TO SET A NEUTRAL COURSE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BETWEEN THE GREAT-POWER BLOCS OF EAST AND WEST.

HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS AMONG NONALIGNED LEADERS BEGAN IN 1953 IN BANDUNG, INDONESIA. OTHERS TOOK PLACE IN BELGRADE IN 1961, WITH 25 MEMBERS ATTENDING, AND IN CAIRO IN 1964. THE MOVEMENT INCLUDES SUCH DIVERSE MEMBERS AS WEALTHY AND CONSERVATIVE SAUDI ARABIA AT ONE END OF THE SPECTRUM, AND NORTH KOREA, WHICH HAS
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ALLIANCES WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA, AT THE OTHER.

THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT FUNCTIONS AT THREE LEVELS: THE SUMMIT MEETINGS, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCES AND THE COORDINATING BUREAU, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED RECENTLY. THE BUREAU, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LAST SUMMIT-MEETING HOST COUNTRY, CURRENTLY SRI LANKA, COORDINATES THE MOVEMENT'S WORK BETWEEN SUMMIT MEETINGS, WHICH TAKE PLACE EVERY THREE YEARS, AND FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS, WHICH ARE HELD ONCE A YEAR. THE BUREAU'S HEADQUARTERS IS IN THE LAST HOST COUNTRY.

EXAMPLE OF PRO-SOVIET LINE

THE MODERATES AT THE HAVANA CONFERENCE CITED AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRO-SOVIET POSITION TAKEN BY CUBA IN THE DRAFTING OF A STATEMENT ON THE MOVEMENT'S GOALS. AT THE LAST MEETING IN SRI LANKA TWO YEARS AGO, THE FORMULA WAS THAT THE MEMBERS OPPOSED "IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, RACISM AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION."

A YUGOSLAV WHO ATTENDED THE HAVANA MEETING SAID THAT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PHRASE "ALL OTHER FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION" WAS MEANT TO ALLUDE PRINCIPALLY TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE SAID THAT AT THE OUTSET OF THE HAVANA SESSIONS THE CUBAN HOST. FOREIGN MINISTER ISIDORO MAIMIERCA PEOLI, PRESENTED A NEW DRAFT FROM WHICH THIS PASSAGE HAD BEEN DELETED.

TWO DAYS OF DEBATE ENSUED, AFTER WHICH THE CUBANS ACCEDED TO A FORMULA THAT SPOKE OF OPPOSITION TO "ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION." SOME MEMBERS LEFT THE CONFERENCE WITH MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT THIS DILUTION OF THE STATEMENT, THE YUGOSLAV SAID.

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WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE CHANGE APPEARED TRIVIAL, HE SAID IT TYPIFIED A WIDE RANGE OF PRO-SOVIET POSITIONS TAKEN BY CUBA.

UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO THE SOVIET APPROACH TO THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT, LIKE THAT OF THE UNITED STATES, WAS

CHARACTERIZED BY SUSPICION AND OCCASIONAL HOSTILITY,
HE SAID. "NOW," HE COMMENTED, "THE SOVIETS HAVE
FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ALLIES IN THE MOVEMENT
AND THE CUBAN ROLE IS TO BRING IT CLOSER TO THE
SOVIET UNION."

CARTER AND SCHMIDT CRITICIZE CUBA

THE ISSUE OF CUBA'S CREDIBILITY AS A NONALIGNED NATION
HAS ALSO BEEN RAISED IN RECENT WEEKS BY PRESIDENT
CARTER AND CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT OF WEST GERMANY.
MR. CARTER SAID RECENTLY THAT IN VIEW OF CUBA'S ARMED
INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, IT WAS "'A JOKE" FOR HAVANA
TO CALL ITSELF NONALIGNED. AND DURING A VISIT TO
WASHINGTON LAST WEEK, MR. SCHMIDT SAID AT A PRESS
CONFERENCE THAT "TO CALL CUBA NONALIGNED IS A BAD
JOKE."

UNITED STATES DIPLOMATS POSTED TO COUNTRIES IN THE
NONALIGNED GROUP HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO MAKE THIS POINT
TO THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS, AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL
SAID LAST WEEK.

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